## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A method of presenting data to a viewer, comprising:

sending unformatted data to the viewer, the unformatted data comprising a portion having an associated tag to indicate a formatting of the unformatted data to be used;

sending, together with the portion, a plurality of formatters to the viewer, each of which is capable of formatting a portion of unformatted data into a format for viewing by the viewer; selecting one of the formatters at the viewer based on the associated tag; and

formatting the portion by the selected formatter to the format indicated by the tag for viewing by the viewer.

- 22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the formatters are plug-able into the viewer.
  - (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising:creating copies of the unformatted data; andsending the copies of the unformatted data in parallel to a plurality of interpreters.
- 24. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the unformatted data comprises multiple portions.

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26. (New) A viewer, comprising:

a detector to detect in an incoming data stream a portion of unformatted data having an associated tag to indicate a formatting of the unformatted data to be used and to detect a plurality of plug-able formatters, each of which is capable of formatting a portion of unformatted data into a format for viewing by the viewer, the detector also to select one of the formatters based on the associated tag; and

an interpreter to receive and process the selected formatter and the portion of unformatted data.

27. (New) The viewer of claims 26, wherein the incoming data stream comprises multiple portions of unformatted data.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the multiple portions are produced by different writing entities.

29. (New) A system for formatting an unformatted portion data, comprising:

detecting means for detecting in an incoming data stream a portion of unformatted data having an associated tag to indicate a formatting of the unformatted data to be used and to detect a plurality of plug-able formatters, each of which is capable of formatting a portion of

App. No. 09/521,723 Atty. Docket No. 042390.P8970 unformatted data into a format for viewing by the viewer, the detecting means also to select one of the formatters based on the associated tag; and

processing means to receive and process the selected formatter and the portion of unformatted data.

- 30. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the incoming data stream comprises multiple portions of unformatted data.
- 31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the multiple portions are produced by different writing entities.

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